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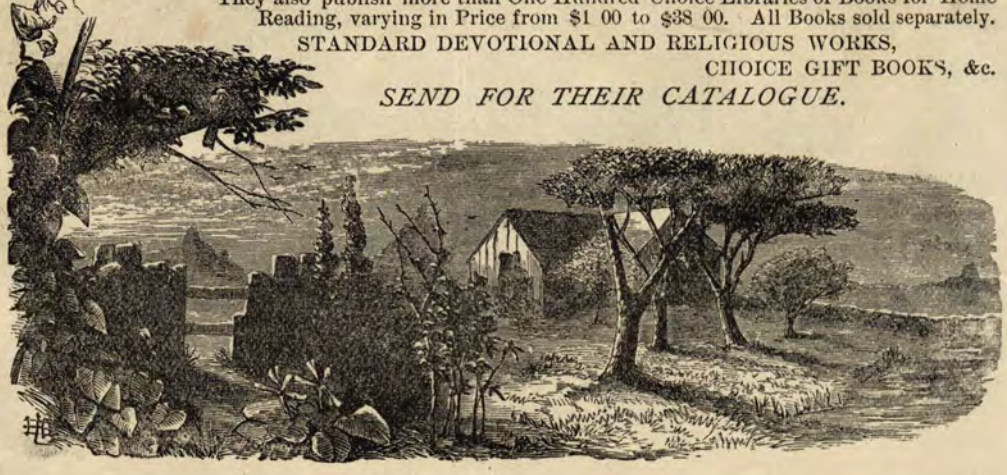

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DOWN SHE FLEW ON THE FAT WHITE ARM!

# JA-MIE AND THE BEE.

One sum-mer morn-ing lit-tle Ja-mie Bin-ney jumped out of bed and ran to the kitch-en be-fore he was dressed. He was a great rogue, and oft-en did that.

There was no-bod-y in the kitch-en but a black-and-gold bum-ble-bee, sit-ting on the win-dow-sill. Mrs. Bin-ney was out some-where. A plate of nice toast stood on the hearth. The eggs were read-y to boil. Ja-mie pat-tered a-bout peep-ing in-to the dish-es. The bee kept her eye on him — she had seen Mas-ter Ja-mie be-fore.

Soon Ja-mie spied some veg-e-ta-bles on the ta-ble. "I will make a sal-ad," said he. He tore off some leaves, and laid them in a dish. Then he took up the vin-e-gar cru-et.

"See here! *buzz! buzz!*" said the bee. But Ja-mie poured it in. Then he took a big hand-ful of salt. The bee laughed — she could not help it. Next he got the sal-ad oil. "Now *that* is *too* much," said the bee. "Mrs. Bin-ney would be real vexed to have her sal-ad oil wast-ed. As she has left things in my care, I must see that he don't do it."

She flew a-round Ja-mie's head, and buzzed ver-y loud.

But he got the stop-per out, and tipped up the bot-tle. "I am sor-ry to do more than buzz," said the bee, "yet it seems that I must."

Down she flew on the fat white arm, near the big dim-ple.

"*Ow!*" said Ja-mie.

Here Mrs. Bin-ney en-tered.

"All right, I've saved your sal-ad oil," said the bee, and off she flew.

SEE HOW BRAVE!

WHAT IF SHE BITES!

## A BRAVE GIRL.

See what a nice brave girl I am,
To feed my lamb!
I go right up to her, close as I can,
And say, "Nan-nan,
Here is a pinch of salt or two,
Pret-ty Nan-nan, that I brought to you—
Pret-ty Nan-nan!

Oh, my! how big she is! Only see
Her look at me!
What if her teeth were long and white,
And she should bite?
She's al-most like the wolf in the wood
That ate up lit-tle Red Rid-ing Hood—
Naugh-ty Nan-nan!

Look out, Mrs. Nurse,
He'll es-cape from your hold!
The bath-tub's too big,
And the wa-ter's too cold.

# AT BREAK-FAST.

A gay lit-tle bird
That want-ed some fun
Flew in and light-ed
On the ba-by's bun.

AN AS-TON-ISHED BA-BY.

He pecked at a cur-rant,
He sipped from the cup,
Then hopped on the loaf,
And thus piped up:

"*Peep-sy weeps!* Ba-by, say,
What 'll you give if I will stay?
*Peep-sy weeps!* Ba-by, O,
What'll you give if I will go?"

He splashed the milk,
He nib-bled the bread,
He spread both wings,
He stood on his head.

But still the ba-by
Said nev-er a word —
And out of the win-dow
Flashed the bird!

"*Peep-sy weeps!*" loud sang he,
"Such a stu-pid ba-by I nev-er did see!
Nev-er a smile, nev-er a word —
*Peep-sy weeps!* I'm glad I'm a bird!"

See the sweet sum-mer ba-bies! A great paint-er paint-ed them man-y, man-y years a-go, in a coun-try a-cross the sea. He did not dream then how the chil-dren of oth-er coun-tries, in years to come, would like to look at his beau-ti-ful pict-ure! You may think, if you choose, that these pret-ty crea-tures are the four sea-sons. met to-geth-er to plan a long hap-py new year for you.

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Lit-tle Miss Jul-i-et had a great scare the first day she spent in the coun-try. She and the French doll were sit-ting out in the tall green grass. She had lain down a-gainst a lit-tle hil-lock, when all at once a green-and-brown drag-on — so Jul-i-et called him — looked down from a grass-blade up-on her with two great, round, dread-ful eyes. The French doll faint-ed a-way. Jul-i-et ran in to tell grand-ma.

JUL-I-ET SEES THE DRAG-ON.

Grand-ma said this ver-y dread-ful green-and-brown drag-on was a grass-hop-per.

"I CALLED TO IN-VITE YOU TO TAKE A WALK."

# MRS. MOUSE AND HER VIS-I-TOR.

One night last week a strange thing hap-pened to Mrs. Mouse. She was sit-ting in her door, knit-ting on a brown-and-white stock-ing for her old-est, when a shad-ow fell on the ground. She looked up and saw a most el-e-gant be-ing stand-ing be-fore her.

"I called, ma-dame," said he, "to in-vite you to take a moon-light walk."

Mrs. Mouse re-fused, and he de-part-ed. But she oft-en won-ders who he was and what would have hap-pened if she had gone.

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Lit-tle flax-en-haired Pe-ter's moth-er dressed him up clean in green jack-et and trow-sers, and red stock-ings, and sent him out to play while she went to make a call.

Lit-tle flax-en-haired Pe-ter played un-til he was hun-gry. Then he went in. No one was there, and he could not o-pen the cup-board door. A pan of floor stood on the ta-ble, and a bowl of ber-ries.

"I can make a pud-ding," said lit-tle Pe-ter.

So he poured wa-ter in-to the bowl of ber-ries, and stirred in flour un-til it was thick. Then he set it in the old red brick ov-en, and ran out to play.

He ran in a-gain just as his moth-er came home. She found him with a raw lit-tle ber-ry pud-ding in his hand.

The lit-tle bak-er had for-got-ten to build a fire!

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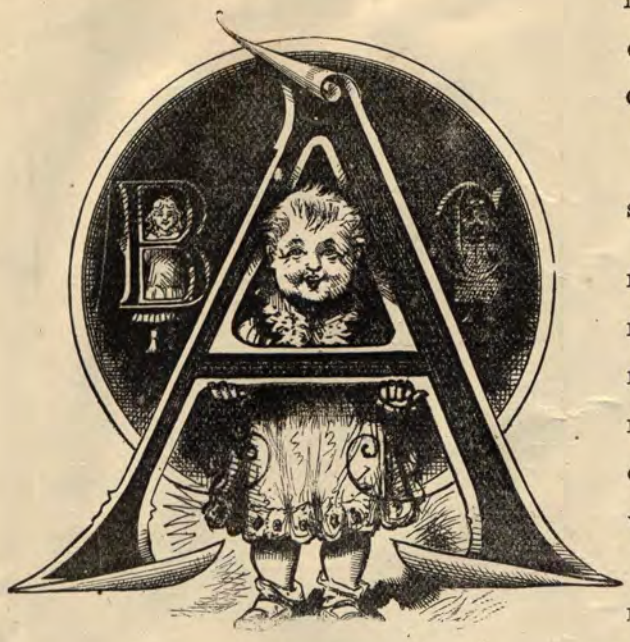

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